

Barbara
Staheli
Graf



Individual Record 107

Name} Staheli, Barbara		Family History} Olson
Title}	Race} White	Sex} Female
Birth: Date} Exa 25 Dec 1861	Place} Old Fort, Santa Clara, Washington, Utah	
Marr. 1: Date} Fam 15 Oct 1884*	Place} Santa Clara, Washington, Utah (Link)	
Marr. 2: Date} Exa 13 Dec 1900	Place} St. George, Washington, Utah (Link)	
Death: Date} Exa 6 Nov 1943	Place} Santa Clara, Washington, Utah	
Burial: Date} Exa 9 Nov 1943	Place} Santa Clara City Cemetery, Santa Clara, Washington, Utah	
	Grave Marker} Yes &	Source 1} <u>81 = Genealogy</u>
Parents: } Johann George Staheli & Sophia Barbara Haberli Relationship No.} 9		Source 2} <u>711 = Family hstry</u>
		Source 3} <u>1114=Geog history</u>
1st Household No.} <u>152 = Santa Clara, Washington, Utah</u>		Source 4} <u>75 = Geog history</u>
Occupation 1} Servant Occupation 2} Housewife Occupation 3} Midwife/practical nurse		Source 5} <u>356 = Church recrd</u>
		Source 6} <u>80 = 1870 USA cen</u>
Religion/Church} Latter-day Saints		Source 7} <u>27 = 1880 USA cen</u>
Spouses: Prime} <u>Graf, John Henry (Henry) Stucki, Edward</u>		Source 8} <u>722 = Marriage rec</u>
		Source 9} <u>149 = Genealogy</u>
Total Number of} 2		Source 10} <u>255 = IGI</u>
Notes: Barbara Staheli was born 25 Dec 1865 in Santa Clara, Washington, Utah. She was the ninth child of George Staheli and Sophia Barbara Haberli. Her family had arrived in Santa Clara at the end of November 1865, following their immigration from Switzerland with the Mormon Swiss Mission. Her brothers and sisters included Wilhelmina, Elizabeth, George, Mary and John. Barbara was the first baby		Source 11} <u>84 = 1900 USA cen</u>
		Source 12} <u>167 = 1910 USA cen</u>
		Source 13} <u>776 = 1920 USA cen</u>
		Source 14} <u>777 = 1930 USA cen</u>
		Source 15} <u>152 = Family hstry</u>
		Source 16} <u>1125=Death certif</u>
		Source 17} <u>158 = Cemetery rec</u>

girl to be born in Santa Clara.

Source 759 = Cemetery

18} rec

Source 963 = Cemetery

19} rec

The Staheli family had moved into the second floor of the Ita Hatch home in the southwest corner of the rock Fort built by Joseph Hamlin. On 25 Dec 1865, the day Barbara was born, the rain began to fall. "The Great Flood" arrived early in the morning of Friday, 17 January. Barbara's mother Sophia was still ill following her birth, and they had to be rescued as the Fort was swept away. The Fort, town, orchards, and vineyards were entirely gone, and the old settlers along with the Swiss newcomers had to start over.

That spring, Barbara's father George became ill with Mountain fever, now recognized as typhoid, and was sick for six weeks. Then her mother Sophia came down with it, still in a weakened condition from childbirth, and died 3 Jun 1862. As her father needed someone to help care for baby Barbara, he married Barbara Meir Bliggenstorpher, a recent widow to help raise the family.

In 1870, Barbara was living with her father, step-mother, and siblings George, Mary, and John, in Santa Clara. In 1880, she was living in Spring Valley, Nevada, with her older sister Elizabeth. Elizabeth had married Frank Walker and their household included five children. Barbara was listed as a servant as she helped care for the house and the children. Her older sister Mary had married Hans Olson, and they were also living in Spring Valley, with their three children. Barbara also worked for a lady in Pioche, Nevada by the name of Thompson.

Barbara married John Henry Graf, also known as Henry, on 15 Oct 1884* in Santa Clara, Utah. Marius Ensign presided. Barbara's brother George Staheli married Henry's sister Emma Barbara Graf in 1897. Barbara and Henry had two boys and two girls, all born in Santa Clara. George Albert was born in 1884; John Henry in 1886, Barbara Wilhelmina in 1888, and Amanda Sophia in 1890. Her husband Henry died 2 Jan 1891, leaving her with the four young children. In the 1900 census, she is reported with the four children, and is listed as a farmer.

Barbara married Edward Stucki on 13 Dec 1900 in Santa Clara. There were no children from this marriage. In 1910 and in 1920, Barbara is living with her husband John, and her youngest daughter Amanda. Edward was also a farmer. Edward died 23 Jan 1923. In the 1930 census, Barbara had taken back Graf as her surname, and is living with her daughter Amanda. She owned her home which was worth \$900.

Barbara was a Relief Society teacher for a number of years. She was also a practical nurse and midwife, assisting with births, helping to care for the sick, and laying out the dead. She fell on 12 Sep 1943, breaking her right femur. She died at home on 6 Nov 1943 due to pneumonia. The unhealed fracture, cardio-vascular renal disease, and senility were all contributing factors. She was buried on 9 Nov 1943 in the Santa Clara City Cemetery, and shares a headstone with her first husband, John Henry Graf.

Family sources give 15 Oct 1884 as the marriage date for Barbara and John Henry Graf. The Index to Early Washington County Marriages, Source No. 722 gives 15 May 1884.

Time of Birth}

Time of Death} 7:30 A.M.

Fraternal/Social}

Baptism Date} Exa 6 Jul 1871	Place} Santa Clara Ward
Confirm. Date}	Photos} None
Immigr'n Date} N/A	Port} N/A
Education: Grade} or Top 2 Degrees}	
Military: Service} for the State of}	
Health Condition} Accident, fall	Last Updated Date Updated} 25 Aug 2011
Cause of Death} Pneumonia	by} Karen Hancock Date Created} 22 Jun 1993
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Individual Record 348

Name} Graf, John Henry (Henry)		Family History} Olson
Title}	Race} White	Sex} Male
Birth: Date} Fam 28 Nov 1856	Place} Rebstein, St. Gallen, Switzerland	
Marr.: Date} Fam 15 Oct 1884*	Place} Santa Clara, Washington, Utah (Link)	
Death: Date} Exa 2 Jan 1891	Place} Santa Clara, Washington, Utah	
Burial: Date} Exa 3 Jan 1891	Place} Santa Clara City Cemetery, Santa Clara, Washington, Utah	
	Grave Marker} Yes &	Source 1} <u>81 = Genealogy</u>
Parents: } Johnannes Graf & Magdalene Relationship No.} None		Source 2} <u>75 = Geog history</u>
		Source 3} <u>356 = Church recrd</u>
1st Household No.} <u>312 = Santa Clara, Washington, Utah</u>		Source 4} <u>80 = 1870 USA cen</u>
		Source 5} <u>83 = 1880 USA cen</u>
Occupation 1} Farmer Occupation 2}		Source 6} <u>722 = Marriage rec</u>
		Source 7} <u>149 = Genealogy</u>
Religion/Church} Latter-day Saints		Source 8} <u>255 = IGI</u>
		Source 9} <u>152 = Family hstry</u>
Spouses: Prime} <u>Staheli, Barbara</u> Total Number of} 1		Source <u>158 = Cemetery</u>
		10} <u>rec</u>
		Source <u>759 = Cemetery</u>
		11} <u>rec</u>
		Source <u>963 = Cemetery</u>
		12} <u>rec</u>
Notes: John Henry Graf, also known as Henry, was born 28 Nov 1856 in Reibstein, St. Gallen, Switzerland. His parents were Johnannes and Magdelene Graf. He had an older sister Catherine, a younger brother John, and younger sisters Emma Barbara and Emili. His family were converts to the Church of Latter-day Saints, and they traveled to America in 1866. They crossed the plains to Utah, and settled in the town of Santa Clara. Another brother, Harmon, was born in Utah. Henry's mother Magdalena died 14 Jan 1869. Henry's father John married Anna Katherine Ruegg in the mid 1870's. The household in 1880 was missing his oldest sister Catherine, but now included three half-siblings, Charles, Anna, and Emma. His father Johannes died 23 Jul 1883. Henry married Barbara Staheli on 15 Oct 1884* in Santa Clara, Utah. Marius Ensign		

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LIFE STORY OF BARBARA STAHELI GRAFF

My Father, George Staheli and my mother, Sophia Staheli came to Santa Clara, Utah from Switzerland in November 1861.

I was born in the Old Fort up around the point from the present site of Santa Clara. I was born Dec. 25th, 1861 and was the first baby born in Santa Clara, Utah.

When I was ten days old the big flood came down the Santa Clara Creek which washed away the Old Fort. The grist mill was also washed away. My mother was in bed and as it was in the night and my father being very busy he almost forgot to get her out. My mother was carried out by Jacob Hamblin who held onto a rope while my mother held on to his neck. She just barely got out when the wall caved in. My brother George was carried away by the flood but was saved by a man called "Little Bishop".

We then moved down around the point to the present site of Santa Clara. We lived in a tent for a few years until Father built a house. My mother died in July 1862. Father married widow Barbara Blickenstorffer. She was troubled with rheumatism.

I went to school and studied reading, writing, arithmetic and spelling. The teacher was very mean. He whipped one boy for a long time to see if he could make him cry; but the boy would not cry.

Besides my father and mother there were six children. We had to make one loaf of bread last us for one week. As I was the youngest I was given more than the others. We had very little sugar, spices, etc. We used molasses for cooking and sweetening. We cooked pig weed without shortening. I got a nickel once and spent it for some honey to put on my bread.

I had to work with the boys in the field hauling hay, grain, planting and gleaning.

We had dresses made of canvas and the boys had trousers made of canvas. Our shoes were home made from leather we got at the old tannery at St. George, Utah. The Indians stole many of our horses and cattle in the early days, but when they found that the white people were friendly they were not so troublesome.

We had dances and played games. Some of the games we played were pomp, pomp, pull away, steal sticks and red line. I went on a trip to Pine Valley, about 20 miles. It took us two days. We went up through the Santa Clara Canyon, and went in ~~as~~ a wagon. My brothers George and John made a trip to Salt Lake City. It took them a month.

My brothers and sisters were all born in the "Old Country". I was the only one who was born in Santa Clara. My parents both joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the Old Country.

I married Henry Graff Oct. 15th 1884. We had four children, George, Henry, Mina and Amanda. My husband died about six years after we were married.

I married Edward Stucki in Dec. 1900. From this union no children were born. Edward Stucki died Jan. 23rd, 1923. Since the death of my second husband I have lived ~~ix~~ with my daughter Amanda. I was born in Santa Clara, Utah and have lived here all my life.

(Collected by Katie Webb)



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 Barbara Staheli Graff Stucki
 born at Santa Clara fort
 on Dec. 25, 1861

BARBARA STAHILI STUCKI
 1st GIRL BORN AT SANTA CLARA FORT

Barbara Staheli Graff Stucki
 25 December 1861

1st girl born in Santa Clara Fort



Barbara Staheli Graff Stucki



Barbara In Her Early Years



Barbara In Her Later Life

(I wrote this for a funeral on November 7, 1943. There is a picture of her and her sister, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Staheli Walker and a few comments about them on the opposite page. They were my friends and I knew the well and had many talks with them about pioneer days.)

As the leaves dropping one by one, so are our pioneers.

We have come to pay a tribute
To a sister tried and true,
To a person who was cheerful
In what'ere she had to do.

First child born in Santa Clara,
In the old fort round the turn;
came to join the Saints on Christmas
and their gratitude to earn.

Was a daughter of our Musician--
George Staheli, noted man,
And of Sophia Haberli Staheli,
good pioneers in Dixie Land.

Scarce a month the Saints had be here,
After having crossed the plains,
and 'twas scarce a week she'd been here
When there came an awful rain.

Men, excited, moved their families,
On to safer, surer ground.
Then, as others looked about them,
Barbara and mother were not found.

By this time the flood was raging
'Round the fort, as they could see.
Jacob Hamblin and some others,
Tied a rope from fort to tree.

Then, with courage and much daring,
Jacob took life in his hands,
Went to rescue babe and mother
in this Southern Dixie Land.

Then the two were safely landed
Jacob went down in the flood,
But was rescued by an Indian,
With a rope, from out of the mud.

When this child was only six months,
Her dear mother went away--
Went to join a band of angels
And to help them sing their lay.

Left a family of six children
In this newly settled place,
Left them here to learn pioneering
And to win the victors race.

Barbara wasn't born to glory,
But she had a cheerful face:
Loved alike by men and women--
Seemed to know and feel her place.

Honest, patient, brave and true,
Thus she lived from day to day,
Doing what she found to do
In a cheerful sort of way.

She was patient and forgiving,
Never arrogant or proud;
Never had a quarrelsome manner,
Never boisterous or loud.

She just lived her true religion,
Lived each day the best she could,
Always glad to help a neighbor--
Feeling that she always should.

Wasn't one to boast or brag
Of her efforts day by day,
Sort of went about her work
In a quiet, peaceful way.

Never rose to wealth or fame,
Simply lived and simply died,
But the passing of her name
Leaves a sorrow far and wide.

Ever set a good example
For the folks she met each day,
Always tried to help her children
Keep the straight and narrow way.

Every day she did her part
With courage and a willing heart.

She's lived with her friends and shared in their joys;
Known sorrow with all its tears.
She's harvested much from her acres of life;
She's been faithful through eighty-two years.
---Nellie M.Gubler.